



**Arizona Department of Health Services
Office for Children with Special Health Care Needs
Integrated Services Grant**



**Committee Status Update
February 2007**

Committee Name: ISG-Adolescent Health Community Advisory Group

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Priority Strategy(ies) and Status: For each Strategy the Committee is currently working on, identify the key actions completed or currently in process:

Strategy Name & Number: Promote and Enhance the Matrix Action Plan (Key Directions #1, #2, #3, #4 and #5). *The following are actions identified that are/need to happen*

The Project:

1. A concept paper was written that is being used to seek grant funding for a project to encourage the use of adolescent health pre-screening tools in the primary care setting. The concept paper outlines the: Purpose of the Project, the Project Description, Project Outcomes, and Background and Partners (with ISG) .
2. Project Outcomes:
 - Healthcare providers will routinely obtain information regarding health risk behaviors from adolescents and their parents.
 - Health care provider's ability to detect and intervene in the healthcare needs of adolescents will improve.
 - The communication between healthcare providers and their adolescent patients and their parents will be enhanced.
 - Promote the ability of parents to better respond to the health needs of their adolescent children.
 - Resources will be identified and made available to meet the needs discovered with screening.
 - Comprehensive website providing information about adolescent healthcare will be the "go-to" resource for providers, parents and communities.
 - On-line education with CME's available
 - Links to other web sites will insure accessible information without duplication.
3. Project website will be designed so that it:
 - Will provide primary care providers and their office staff with instruction in the use of an adolescent health prescreening/risk assessment tool, how to develop an adolescent friendly office practice, and information on consent and confidentiality
 - Will provide health fact sheets, resources and links to other related websites for healthcare providers, adolescents and parents.
 - Will incorporate varying approaches to the three stages (early, middle and late) of adolescent development
4. Project Budget: a three year draft budget was created.
 - Year One: \$167,244
 - Year Two: \$150,634
 - Year Three: \$148,159

Opportunities for integration identified:

Barriers identified to completing the actions:

A full time staff person will be needed to move the project forward and keep the website current. Finding a funder that will pay for staff hours may be a barrier. A meeting was held on February 5, 2007 with Legacy Foundation, though they may be interested in funding parts of the proposal, they will not fund staff hours.

Support Needed:

- Grant Writing
- Identifying Potential Funders

Recommendations the Committee would like presented to the Task Force:

That all health care providers use an adolescent health pre-screening tool for their adolescent patients.